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The Final Rejection dated October 18, 2006 objects to claims 1 - 4, 7 - 14 and 17 - 35 on grounds that the term "ENT tube" is indefinite because its meaning is unclear.

In the Amendment filed August 4, 2006, every occurrence of the term "ENT" in the claims was replaced with "electrical nonmetallic tube" or "electrical nonmetallic tubing".

Therefore, the reason and basis for the Examiner's objection is not understood.

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